

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 8/12/20

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 8/12/20

Time: 7:55PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 332 N. Monroe Ave

Zone: 5

Precinct: 7

Incident Report #: 200602858

Cruiser District: 70

Victim: Romere Harris (Deceased)

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 2

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Charles Hodge Jr.

Address: 115 Meek Ave.

☒ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 14

Charges: Reckless Homicide & Tampering with Evidence

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7:55PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 300 block of N Monroe Ave. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found a 2 year old, Romere Harris, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 8 responded to the scene and transported Romere to Children's Hospital in critical condition. Romere did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased by attending physicians at 8:29PM.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Charles Hodge Jr. was in a residence at that location babysitting his niece and nephew. Mr. Hodge admitted he was handling a firearm when it discharged striking his nephew, Romere.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 85th Homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200602858. Detective Shockey is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Collins.

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